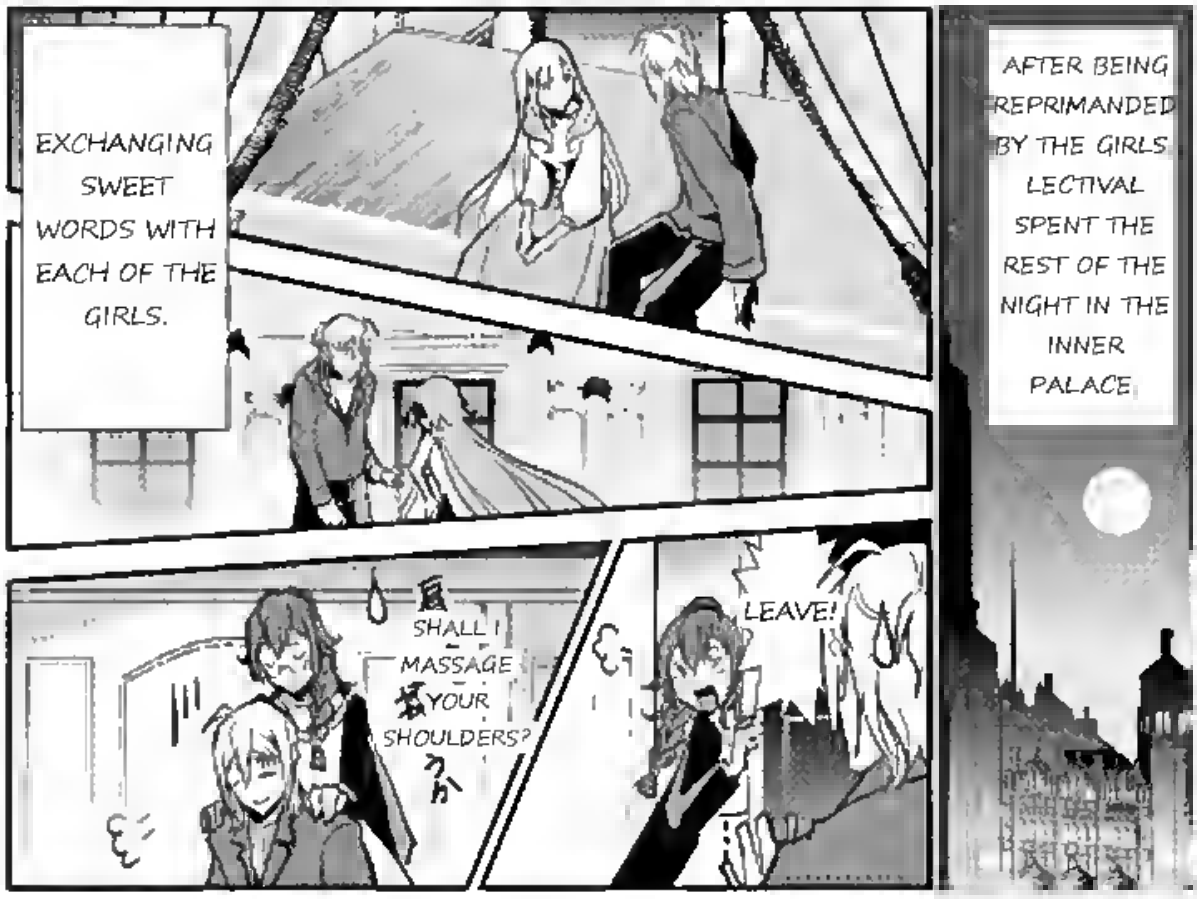
EXCHANGING SWEET WORDS WITH EACH OF THE GIRLS.
SHALL I MASSAGE YOUR SHOULDERS?
LEAVE!
AFTER BEING REPRIMANDED BY THE GIRLS, LECTIVAL SPENT THE REST OF THE NIGHT IN THE INNER PALACE.

HAVING COMPLETED HIS PILGRIMAGE OF PENANCE IN THE INNER PALACE, THE SLEEP-DEPRIVED LECTIVAL MADE HIS WAY TO THE VILLA WHERE THE LAST TWO--RIEDE AND ARIA--RESIDED.
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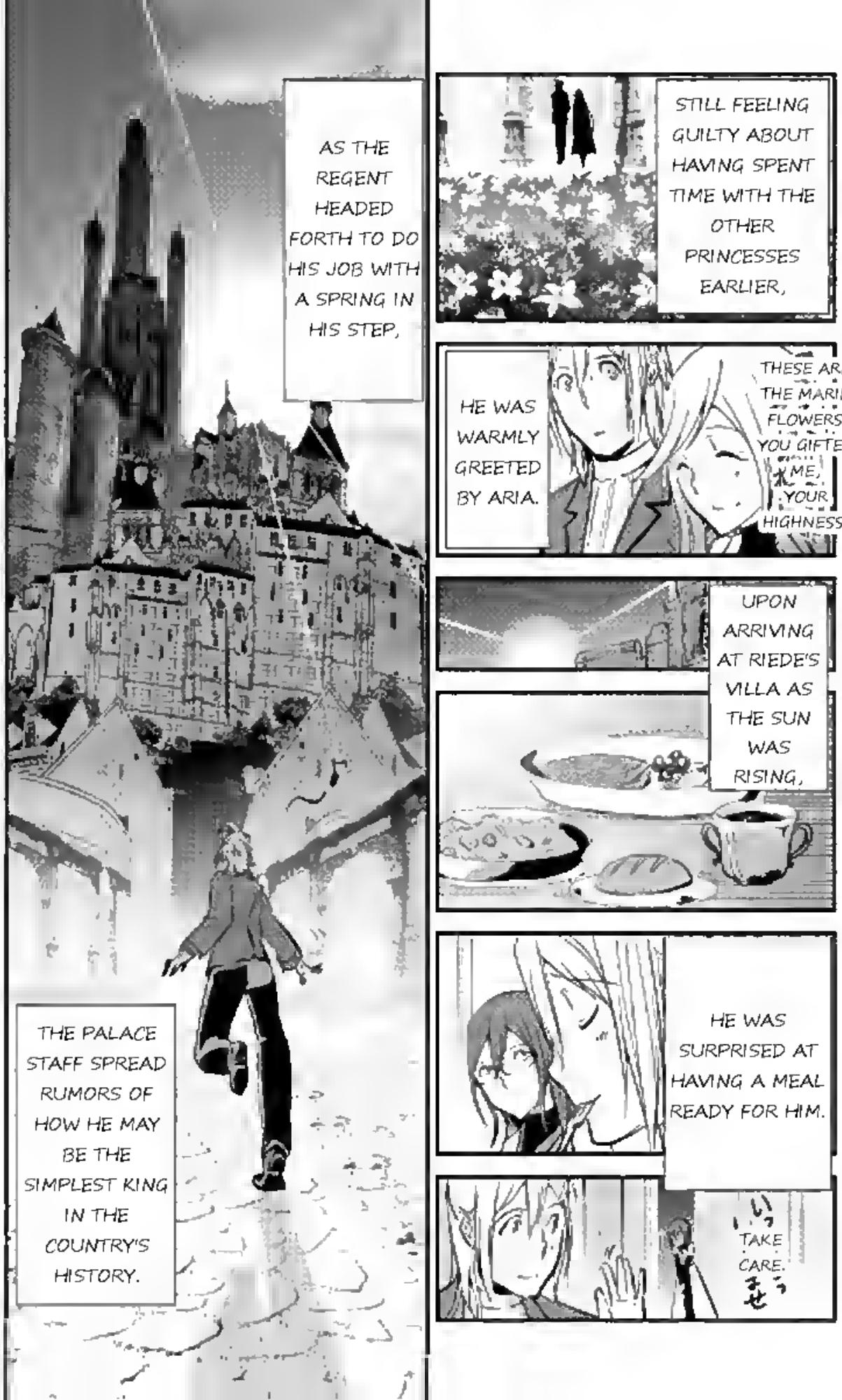
AS THE REGENT HEADED FORTH TO DO HIS JOB WITH A SPRING IN HIS STEP,
THE PALACE STAFF SPREAD RUMORS OF HOW HE MAY BE THE SIMPLEST KING IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY.
STILL FEELING GUILTY ABOUT HAVING SPENT TIME WITH THE OTHER PRINCESSES EARLIER,
HE WAS WARMLY GREETED BY ARIA.
THESE ARE THE MARIE FLOWERS YOU GIFTED ME, YOUR HIGHNESS.
UPON ARRIVING AT RIEDE'S VILLA AS THE SUN WAS RISING,
HE WAS SURPRISED AT HAVING A MEAL READY FOR HIM.
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TAKE CARE.

GET TO THE MATTER I MENTIONED YESTERDAY. THE MARRIAGE PROPOSALS FROM IZUMO AND THE EMPIRE ARE VERY IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR OUR COUNTRY.
I'D LIKE TO IMMEDIATELY
YOUR HIGH-NESS,

HERE ARE DOCUMENTS ON THE PRINCESSES THEY INTEND ON SENDING.

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S AGED SINCE BECOMING PRIME MINISTER...
HEIDEL...

IF THAT'S ALL IT TAKES, THEY'RE NOT WORTH HAVING AROUND.
I'LL ALSO NEED TO FIND SOME TIME FOR TRAINING EVENTUALLY.
WON'T YOU LOSE SUBORDINATES IF YOU LOOK LIKE THAT?
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU RELAXED A LITTLE?
I SEE. TRY NOT TO DESTROY YOUR SUBORDINATES.
HE WANTS TO MAKE UP FOR HIS MISTAKES FROM THE CONFLICT, SO HE'S NOT GONNA ALLOW HIMSELF TO MESS UP IN ANY WAY...

AS YOU WISH... NOW THEN, THIS
IS THE EMPIRE'S PRINCESS. THE IMPERIAL LANDS AT OUR NEW BORDER ARE HER DOMAIN.
SHE IS ALMOST LAST IN LINE TO SUCCEED THE IMPERIAL THRONE.
HER FACE LOOKS A BIT FAMILIAR...
BUT
IF SHE WERE TO BEAR YOUR CHILD, WE WOULD THEN HAVE A CLAIM TO THE EMPIRE'S THRONE.
REGARDLESS OF HER PLACE IN THE SUCCESSION ORDER,

IT MAY LEAD TO A CONFLICT WITH THE EMPIRE.
IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HER...
HOW WOULD THE POPULACE REACT TO THIS?
WE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE IMPERIAL REFUGEES ON PUBLIC ORDER.
HOWEVER, BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE RECOVERING RIGHT NOW. IF WE WERE TO FORM SUCH TIES WITH THE EMPIRE, THEY WOULD NEED AN ESPECIALLY GOOD REASON TO DECLARE WAR ON US IN THE FUTURE.
JUST BUYING TIME, HUH? THIS PRINCESS ALSO HAS IT TOUGH.
WE'LL DEFINITELY NEED TIME TO STABILIZE THE NORTHERN LANDS.
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EVERYTHING WILL COME DOWN TO HOW YOU TREAT HER.
HOW TOUGH THIS IS FOR HER WILL DEPEND ON YOUR HIGHNESS.
NEXT IS THE IZUMO PRINCESS...
YES.
WE'LL DO WHAT WE MUST.
... AL-RIGHT,
GIVEN THE STATE OF THINGS, OUR OPTIONS ARE LIMITED...
THIS IS...
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE SOME NEW FORM OF DIPLOMATIC ATTACK...
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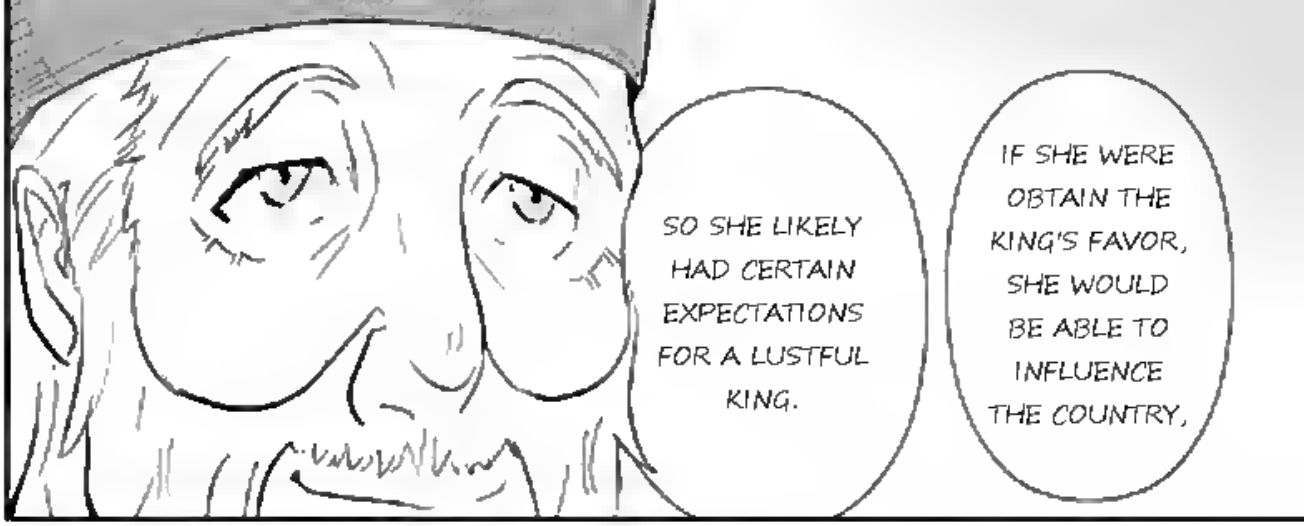
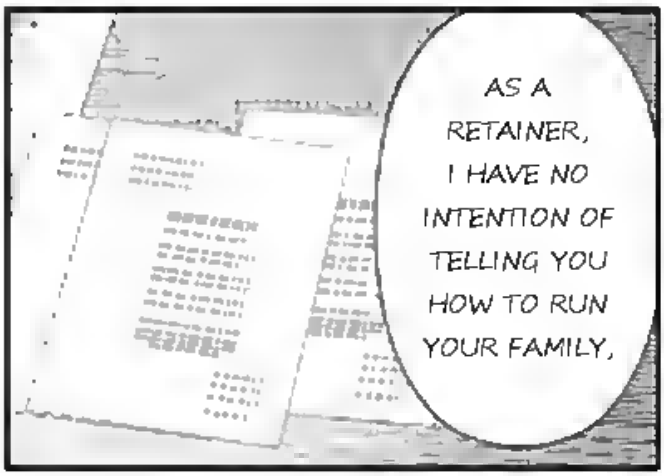
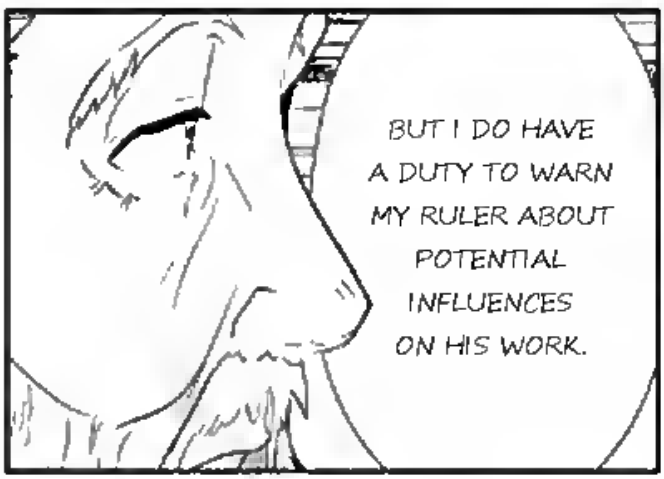
AND SHE POSSESSES THE PURE EYES OF THE HEAVENS THAT ARE RARE EVEN WITHIN THEIR BLOODLINE.
BUT IZUMO IS SAID TO BE THE LAST LAND OF THE GODS AND THEIR ROYAL FAMILY CLAIM TO POSSESS DIVINE BLOOD
SHE IS THE YOUNGER SISTER OF THE EMPEROR OF THE IZUMO ISLAND UNION IN THE LEMURIAN SEA TO THE EAST OF US. AS SHE'S BLIND, THERE WILL GENERALLY BE MORE ISSUES IN HER LIFE. NORMALLY YOU WOULDN'T TRY TO MARRY OFF SOMEONE LIKE THIS.
AHEM.
WELL,
DO THEY PERHAPS WISH FOR INFLUENCE OVER OUR KINGDOM?
I SUSPECT THEY'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING...
AS LONG AS THERE'S NO INTERFERENCE, SHE CAN EVEN BORROW THE POWER OF THE GODS TO INVOKE DIVINE MAGIC.
SHE HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
THE PURE EYES OF THE HEAVENS?


IF SHE WERE OBTAIN THE KING'S FAVOR, SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE COUNTRY,
SO SHE LIKELY HAD CERTAIN EXPECTATIONS FOR A LUSTFUL KING.


AS A RETAINER, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TELLING YOU HOW TO RUN YOUR FAMILY,

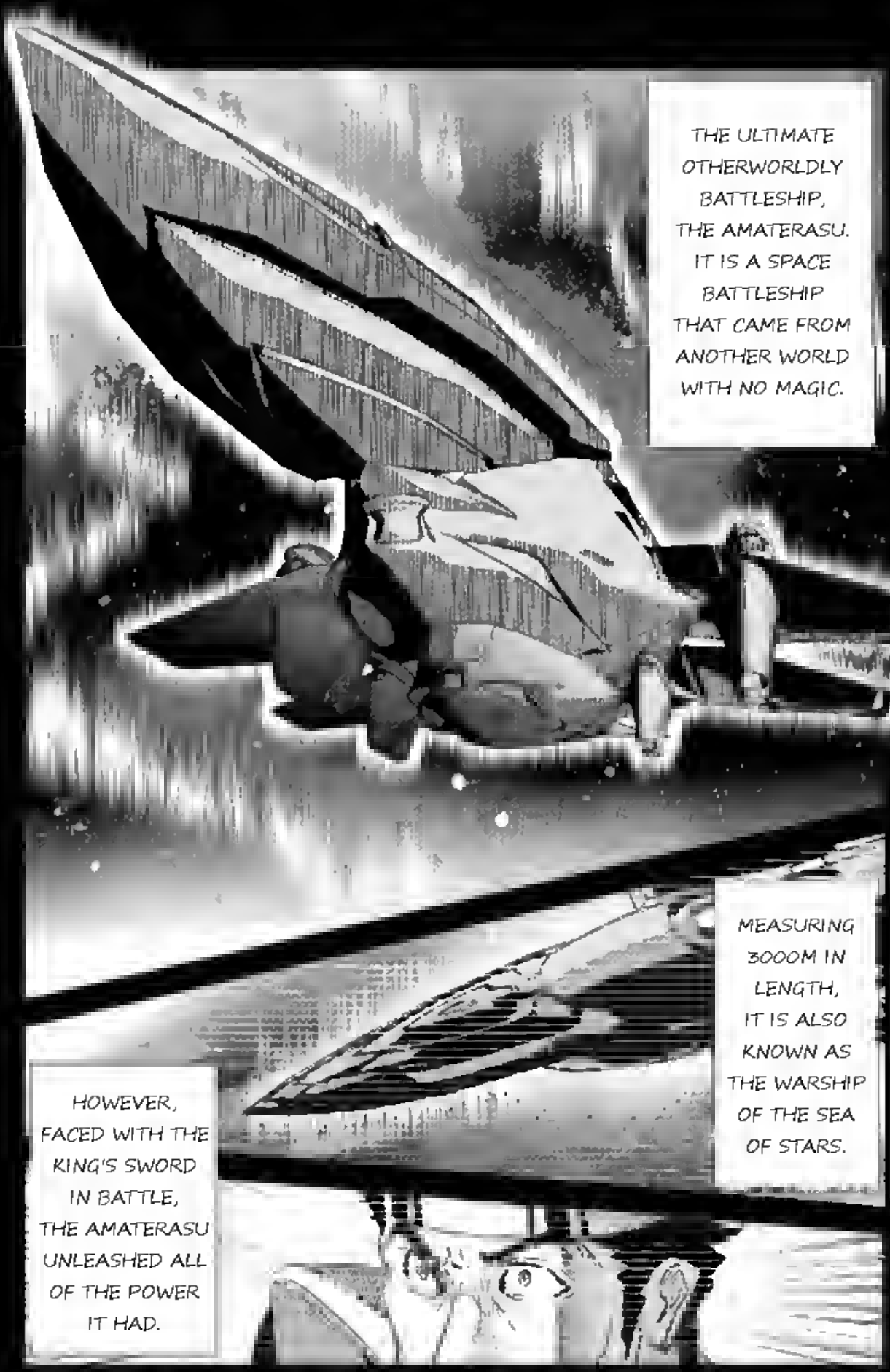

BUT I DO HAVE A DUTY TO WARN MY RULER ABOUT POTENTIAL INFLUENCES ON HIS WORK.

IS THAT YOUR WAY OF TELLING ME TO BE CAREFUL WITH WOMEN?

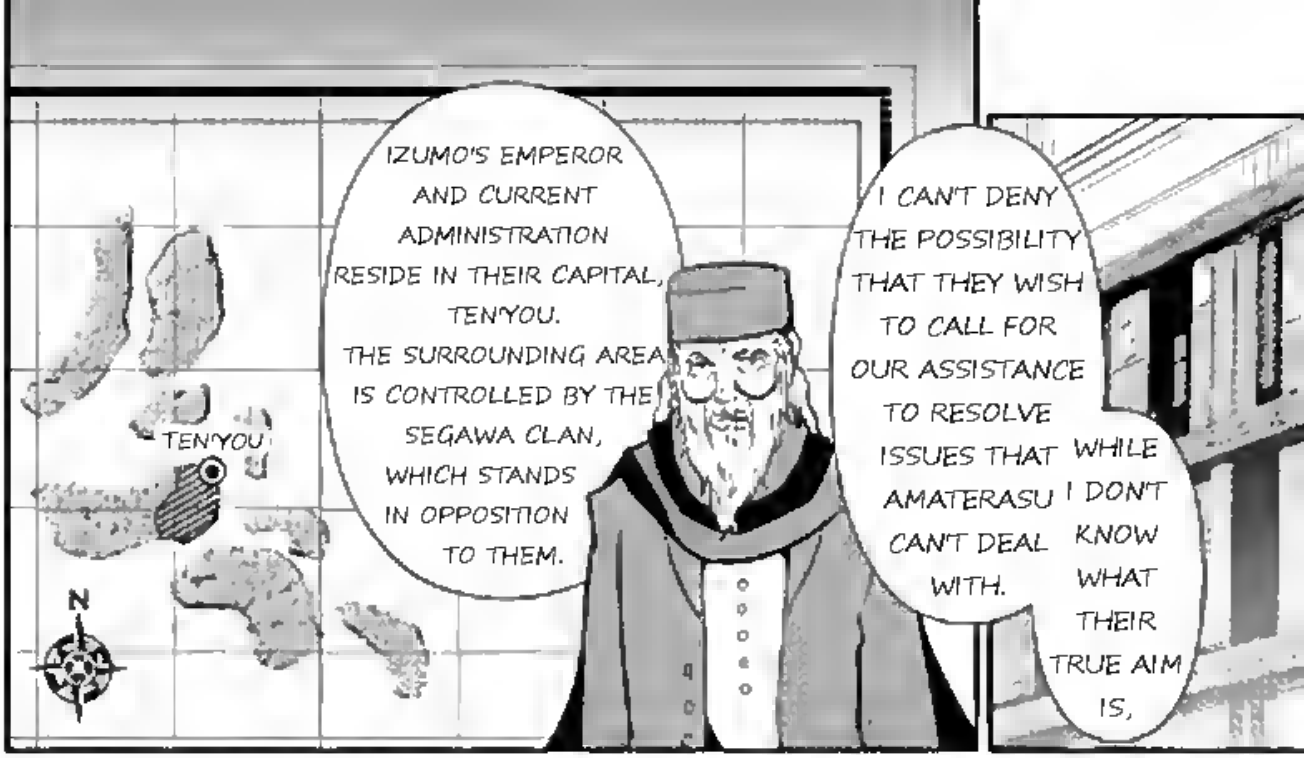
THIS IS WORTHY OF SPECIAL MENTION, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I SEE...

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS WEAPON?
BECAUSE SHE IS OF THE EMPEROR'S BLOODLINE, SHE HAS A RIGHT TO USE IZUMO'S SUPER-WEAPON, THE AMATERASU.

N
A CONFLICT WE CALL THE LEMURIAN WAR, KNOWN AS THE NORTH SEA WAR IN IZUMO, WAS ONCE WAGED BY OUR NATIONS OVER TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.
AT THE TIME, WHEN OUR FORCES WERE STARING EACH OTHER DOWN, THE EMPEROR'S YOUNGER BROTHER, KASUGANOMIYA KORECHIKA, WAS THE IZUMO NAVY'S ADMIRAL AND ACTING CAPTAIN OF THE AMATERASU.


THE ULTIMATE OTHERWORLDLY BATTLESHIP, THE AMATERASU. IT IS A SPACE BATTLESHIP THAT CAME FROM ANOTHER WORLD WITH NO MAGIC.
MEASURING 3000M IN LENGTH, IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE WARSHIP OF THE SEA OF STARS.
HOWEVER, FACED WITH THE KING'S SWORD IN BATTLE, THE AMATERASU UNLEASHED ALL OF THE POWER IT HAD.

AFTER COMING TO A DRAW, KASUGANOMIYA KORECHIKA SENT A LETTER TO HIS BROTHER THE EMPEROR.
THE AMATERASU AND THE KING'S SWORD MUST NOT COME TO FACE EACH OTHER AS ENEMIES,
THEY HAVE THE POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD.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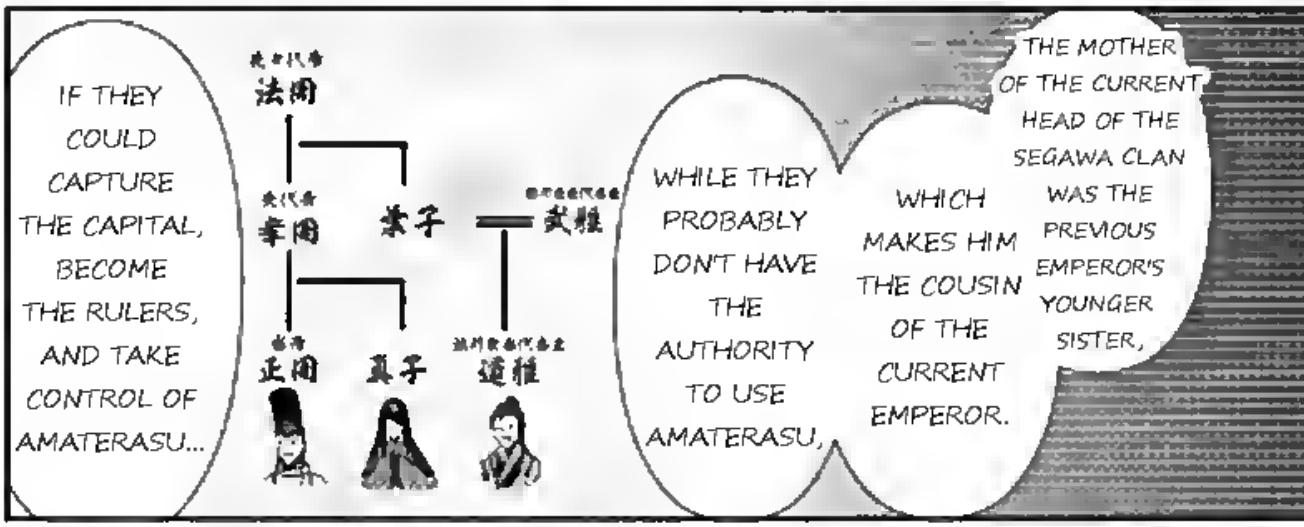
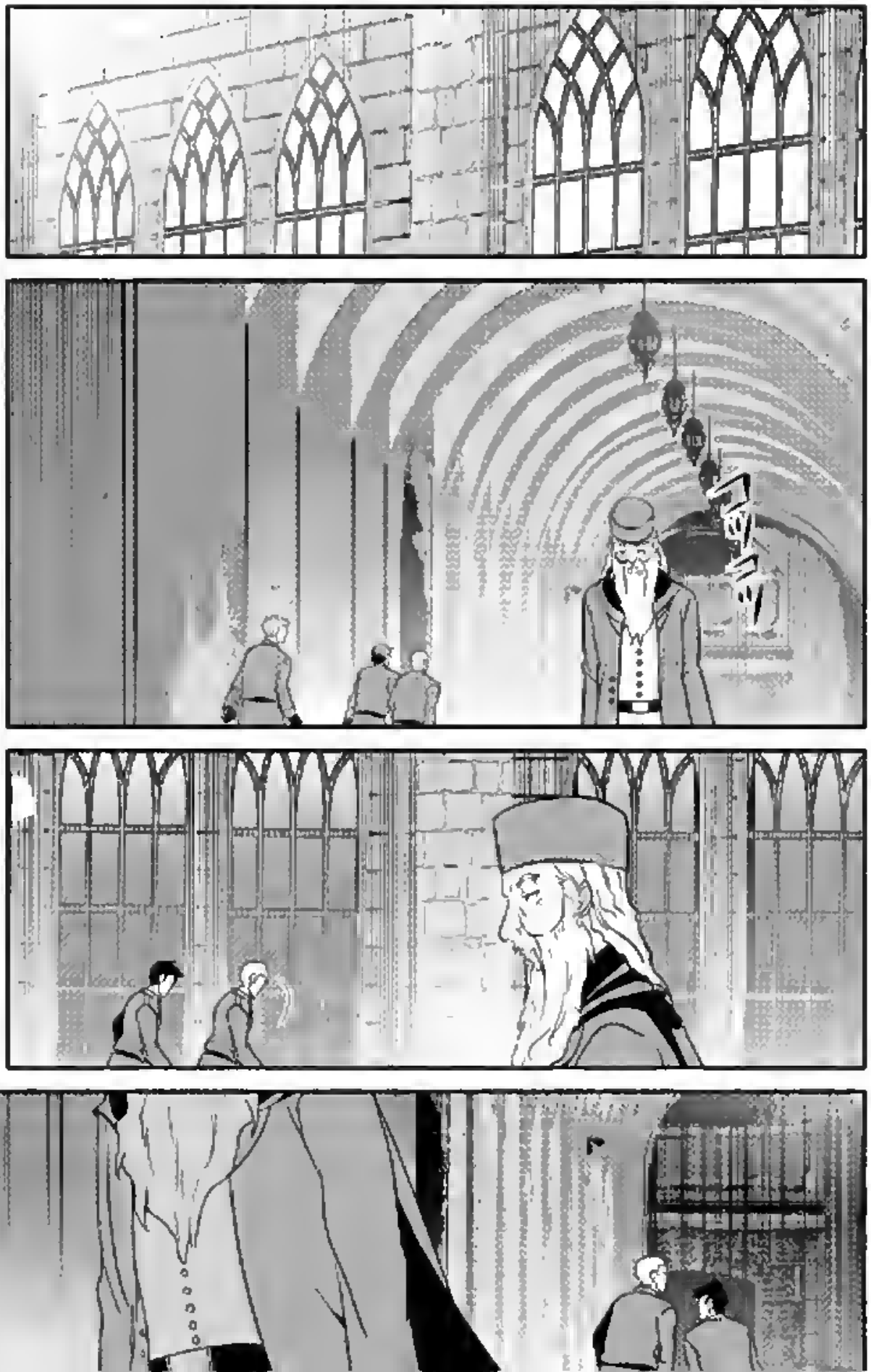
IZUMO'S EMPEROR AND CURRENT ADMINISTRATION RESIDE IN THEIR CAPITAL, TENYOU. THE SURROUNDING AREA IS CONTROLLED BY THE SEGAWA CLAN, WHICH STANDS IN OPPOSITION TO THEM.
I CAN'T DENY THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WISH TO CALL FOR OUR ASSISTANCE TO RESOLVE ISSUES THAT AMATERASU CAN'T DEAL WITH.
WHILE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR TRUE AIM IS,


IF THEY COULD CAPTURE THE CAPITAL, BECOME THE RULERS, AND TAKE CONTROL OF AMATERASU...
法皇
幸国
栄子
武雅
正国
真子
道雅
WHILE THEY PROBABLY DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO USE AMATERASU,
WHICH MAKES HIM THE COUSIN OF THE CURRENT EMPEROR.
THE MOTHER OF THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE SEGAWA CLAN WAS THE PREVIOUS EMPEROR'S YOUNGER SISTER,

THAT'S RIGHT,
... IF THEY CONTROLLED AMATERASU...

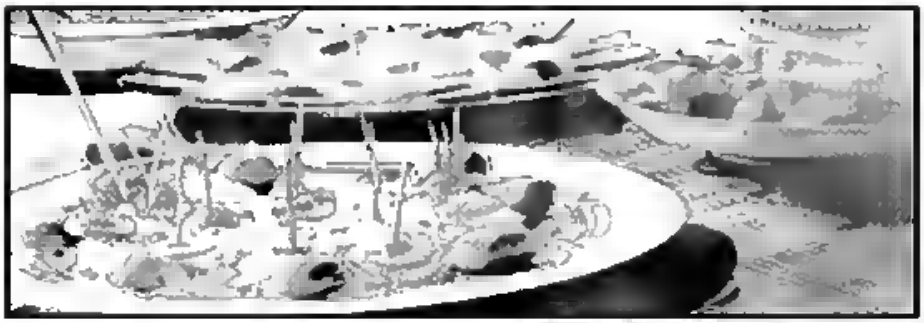
THE SEGAWA CLAN HAS GREATLY INCREASED THEIR POWER IN THE PAST FEW YEARS
IT WOULD BE IN OUR BEST INTEREST IF THE CURRENT EMPEROR, WHO REMEMBERS THE LAST WAR, WERE TO CONTINUE RULING.
CONTROLLING AMATERASU IS THE SAME AS CONTROLLING THE IZUMO ISLAND UNION.
THEIR RULER CHANGE AND THEN HAVE TO FIGHT THEM.
CERTAINLY, I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE
I ASSUME WE'LL BE ACCEPTING THIS PROPOSAL THEN?
I SEE.

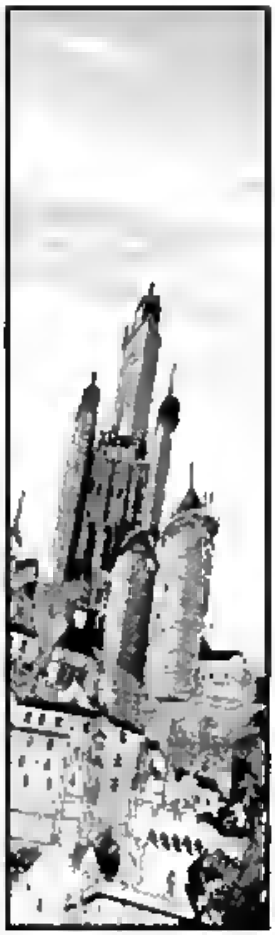
THE MAIDEN THAT CONTROLS THE SUPER-WEAPON AMATERASU...
THEY'RE OFFERING TO GIVE US THE CORNERSTONE OF THEIR NATION'S DEFENSES, I CAN'T REFUSE THAT.
THOUGH THIS MAY ONLY GIVE US A SHORT PERIOD OF PEACE THAT IS FOLLOWED BY DECADES OF TURMOIL...
YES.
PROCEED WITH THE NEGOTIA-TIONS.
ALRIGHT,

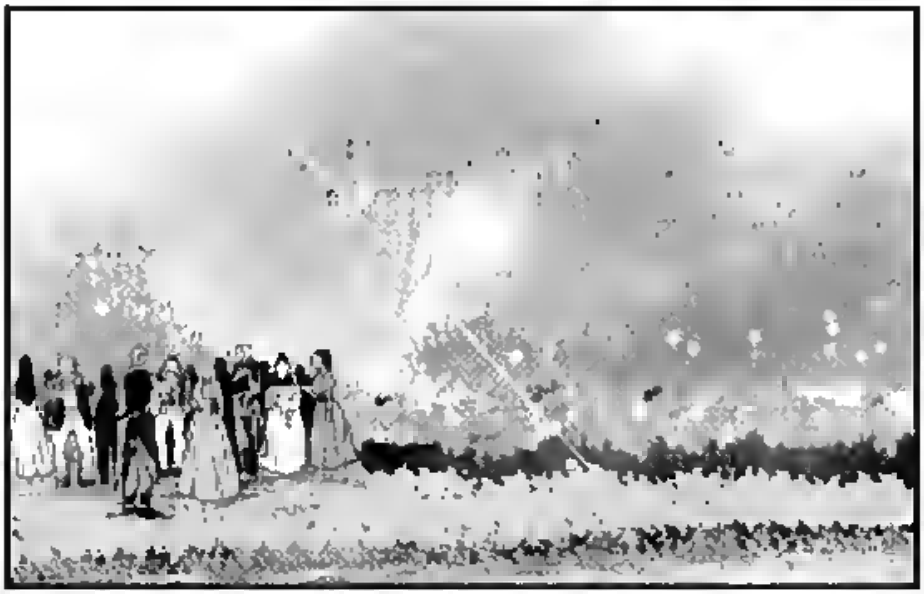


THERE ARE STAFF HERE THAT OPPOSE LECTIVAL.
WHILE HE HAS PROVEN HIMSELF IN BATTLE, THEY STILL DOUBT HIS ABILITY TO GOVERN...
THIS HAS RESULTED IN SOME IN THE BUREAUCRACY IGNORING HIM.

I'M PROBABLY ONLY VIEWED AS A REBEL.
SO THEY TAKE OUT THEIR FRUSTRATIONS ON ME, AND I'M PERFECTLY FINE WITH THAT.
OPENLY DEFYING HIS HIGHNESS IS LIABLE TO RESULT IN AN EXECUTION, REGARDLESS OF YOUR RANK,
MEANWHILE, MY WIFE AWAITS ME AT HOME EVERY DAY, AS IF NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.
BUT MY SON SERVES IN THE KING'S ADMINISTRATION, AND WHILE I DON'T KNOW IF HIS HIGHNESS DID IT INTENTIONALLY, HE'S PROTECTING HIM.
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THAT FRUSTRATION BEING DIRECTED AT MY FAMILY,
THEY'RE FAR TOO GOOD FOR ME...
BE IT HIS HIGHNESS OR MY WIFE,



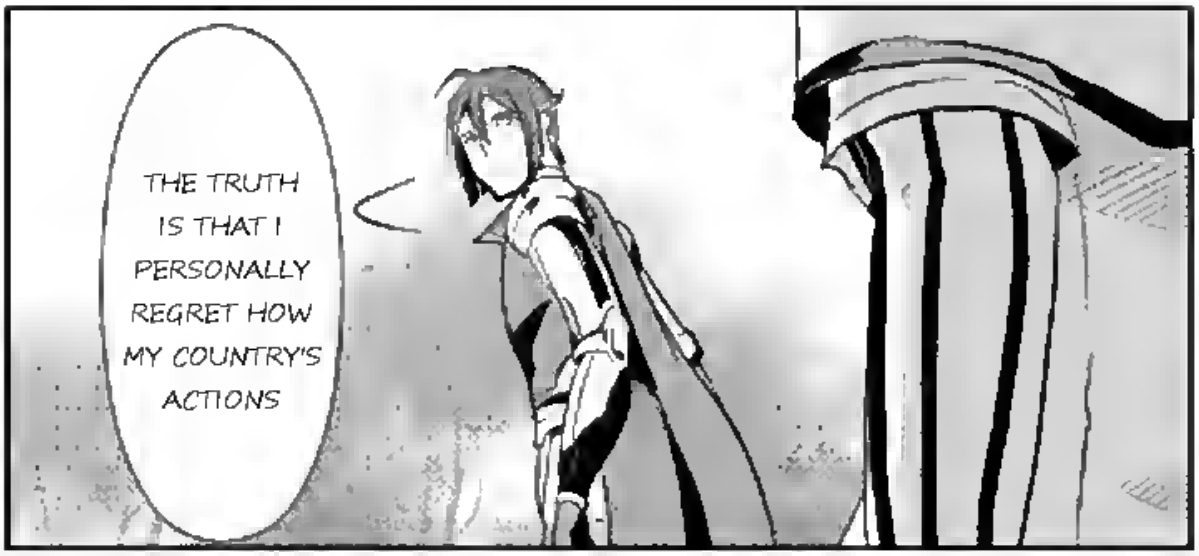


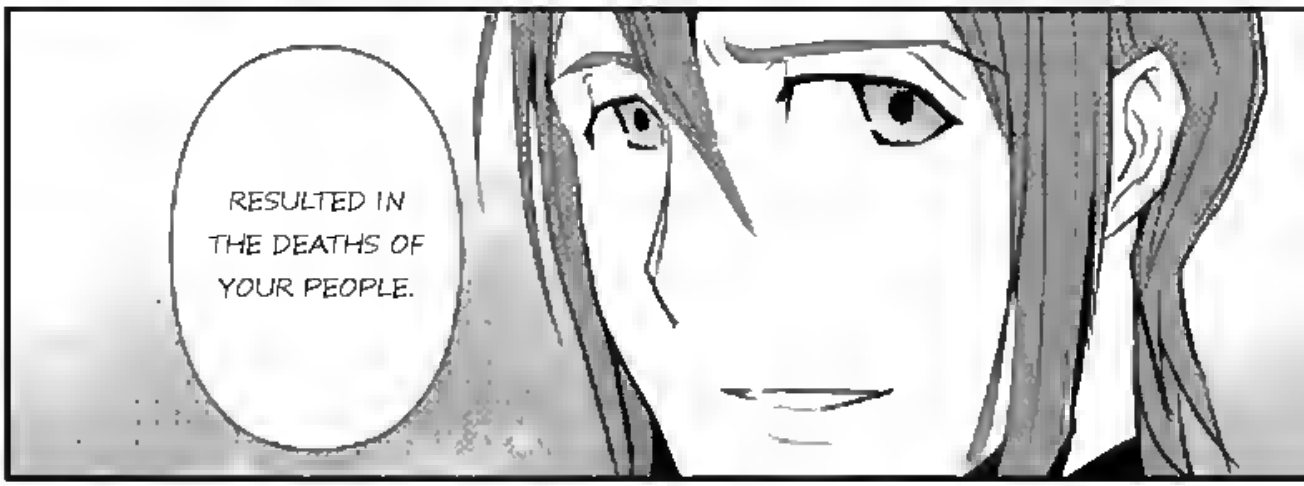


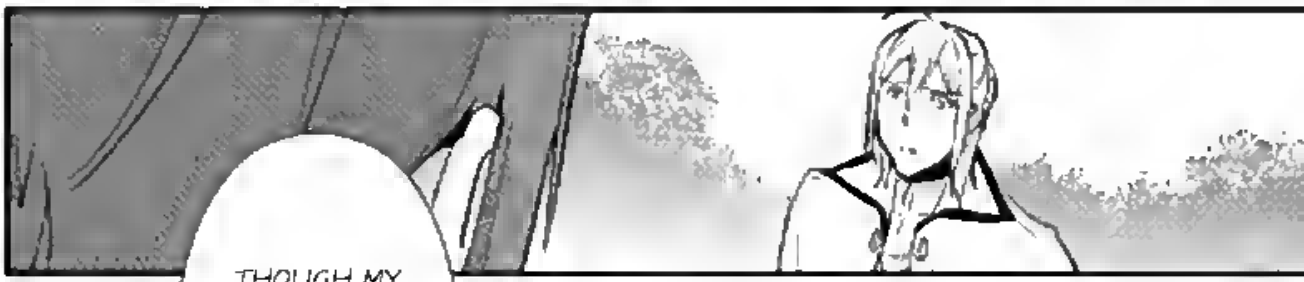
THAT AFTERNOON, A BRILLIANT PARTY WAS HELD IN THE DIAMOND PALACE'S EMERETTE GARDEN, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES INVITED.
I MUST SAY,
THIS IS AN AMAZING GARDEN.

IT TRULY SUITS THE RULER OF THE GREAT NATION OF ALTODESTENIA.
ONE OF THEM IS STILL RECOVERING FROM HER INJURIES ON THE BATTLEFIELD,
AND THE REST DON'T WISH TO ATTEND WITHOUT HER PRESENT.
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE YOUR FIANCÉES?
THANK YOU.
I'M DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT FROM A MAN AS DISTINGUISHED IN COMBAT AS THE KING OF SHELMIA.
I RECALL THAT HE'S REGARDED AS THE STRONGEST BIODOLL ON THE CONTINENT.
WHAT A BRILLIANT EXPRESSION HE HAS.
WHAT A SHAME THAT I CAN'T MEET THEM.
I'M SURE YOU'RE ALSO WORRIED.

WHILE YOU HAD GONE OFF TO DEFEND YOUR HOMELAND,
TO BE HONEST, I MYSELF HAVE TO TERMS WITH JUST HOW INEXPERIENCED I AM.
FAILED TO NOTICE YOUR RETAINERS' SCHEMES TO SPLIT YOUR COUNTRY APART.
I HERE
YOUR MAJES-TY...


THE TRUTH IS THAT I PERSONALLY REGRET HOW MY COUNTRY'S ACTIONS


RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF YOUR PEOPLE.



THOUGH MY COUNTRY CERTAINLY WON'T UTTER WORDS LIKE THOSE.

PERHAPS IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY THIS, BUT I DON'T THINK A KING SHOULD APOLOGIZE SO READILY.
WELL, I NEED TO GO NOW, MY COMPANION IS CALLING FOR ME.
I HOPE YOUR FIANCÉE RECOVERS SOON.
AND THE COUNTRY DECIDED THAT HIS MARRIAGE PARTNER WAS TO BE A BIODOLL IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR ABILITIES.
I HEAR THAT THE SHELMIA COMMONWEALTH IS GOVERNED BY A PARLIAMENT AND THE KING'S POSITION IS PURELY SYMBOLIC,
THE KING OF SHELMIA
FULFILLS HIS ROLE AS A KING FAR BETTER THAN ME...

OOH!
NOW SHE'S GOING TO EAT A WHOLE TUB OF IZUMO FRIED RICE?!
BLACK DRAGON DUCHESS ANASTASHA IS IN ATTENDANCE HERE BECAUSE BLUE DRAGON DUCHESS MARIA RECOMMENDED THAT LECTIVAL SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE PARTY.
OOH! THE BLACK DRAGON DUCHESS HAS FINISHED HER 34TH PLATTER!
WHERE DOES SHE FIT ALL THAT FOOD IN THAT SMALL BODY?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU ATTENDED THESE SORT OF EVENTS, TASHA.
YOUR DAUGHTER?
WELL... I'M SUBSTITUTING FOR MY DAUGHTER.
HM?
I ALSO HAVE A DAUGHTER...
SHE DIDN'T COME, SAYING IT'S A HASSLE...
I'LL INTRODUCE HER EVENTUALLY.
THE BLACK DRAGON DUCHESS' DAUGHTER...
TASHA'S DAUGHTER...
SECONDS...
ANOTHER POTENTIAL FIANCÉE!
AND WHAT'S THIS ABOUT IT BEING A HASSLE?!
YES?
LECT...

THIS IS DELICIOUS.
RIGHT...
AND THUS, TASHA DREW ALL THE GUESTS' ATTENTION.
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BUT BEHIND THE SCENES, THOSE IN CHARGE OF HANDLING RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WERE ENGAGED IN A GLOOMY DIPLOMATIC BATTLE OF THEIR OWN.
WELL, I SUPPOSE I'M THANKFUL.
SHE CERTAINLY SUCCEEDED IN DISTRACTING EVERYONE FROM MY FIANCÉES' ABSENCE,
... I GUESS I'LL GET BACK TO TALKING AFTER TASHA GETS HER FOOD.
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